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1. I met with Ed Saunders, Larry Houston, [REDACTED] to brief them on the outcome of my conversation with Mr. Samuelson, General Accounting Office, concerning the possibility of expanding the GAO audit functions in CIA. (See Memorandum of Conversation dated 23 July 1959.) In this connection Mr. Samuelson called to say that next Thursday, 30 July, at 2:00 p.m., would be a convenient time for a further briefing and Mr. Campbell, the Comptroller General, plans to attend personally. Larry also thought that it would be wise to invite the General Counsel of the GAO and I will speak to the Director about this. We also devised a proposed briefing schedule which I will clear with the Director.

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2. Larry Houston reported that [REDACTED] was very anxious to undertake the liquidation of Project [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] confirmed this and I thought that he would be a good choice. I told Bob that before Chuck went out I would want him to have clear written instructions as to what he was to do as well as any limitations he might have.

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3. I approved as a charge to operational expense the initiation fee for the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] as well as quarterly dues amounting to approximately \$28 plus Federal and State taxes.

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I also spoke to Bob about the paper on Project [REDACTED] which he is supposed to be preparing for submission to the Operations Coordinating Board. This has not been done yet and I told him he ought to get after this without further delay.

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4. At the Director's request I talked to Mr. Powers, General Accounting Office, and agreed to meet with him on Monday, 27 July, at 2:30 p.m., to see what it was he wanted to know about Dick Bissell's contracts. He was very insistent that he meet with me alone. He emphasized that the Comptroller's office had been very cooperative in furnishing financial statistics but that his questions were not in this area.

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6. Stan Grogan came to see me about a [REDACTED] wanting to make public the Director's letter to [REDACTED]

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I agreed with him that we should not do this and talked to George Carey, Office of Operations, and [REDACTED] Office of Personnel. I told them that this would create problems between us and [REDACTED] and also between us and certain members of the Congress. I also told them to urge [REDACTED] very strongly not to persist in this effort.

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7. Ting Sheldon telephoned me about the emergency relocation plans for the National Indications Center. Apparently, he learned that present Department of Defense plans call for movement of large numbers of people in the National Indications Center. Being located with the Joint Chiefs of Staff this raises a serious problem not only as to whether or not this is the right location for the NIC but if so whether or not the Director should be located at the [REDACTED]. I agreed with him that this was a serious problem and urged him to raise it at the next Deputies' Meeting which he agreed to do. H

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